

gives me meaning, and makes sense out of existence, and are the grounds on which I will stake my life," if there is a day when this can be said again, after an explosion of the spirit my hope is that your statement of what you believe would include the following:

First, a trust in God, trust in God as personal and loving, God who loves you, who understands and who cares for you. Believing that God understands and loves us is the life force that prevents us from dying.

Secondly, a realization that Jesus of Nazareth reveals God to us. We are not blocked or stumped in our search for the knowledge of God. Jesus' love and forgiveness is the indicator of God's love and forgiveness. Believing that Jesus reveals God to us is the life force that guards our spirits from collapsing.

Thirdly, a trust that God is present with and in us, and that his spirit, his power, and his love are with us and in us, his people. We are not left derelict or abandoned, wondering if we shall ever be called for. Believing that God's presence is with us and in us is the life force that builds us up as a community of people seeking to be faithful and prevents us from despairing.

To be able to base your life on those three assertions and know they are true is to return from the land of shadow and mist into the sunlight of a new day.

The person who experiences the bankruptcy of spirit that we have spoken of and who later reclaims and rebuilds, who begins again and whose faith grows from infancy to maturity, has a lot to tell us. My guess is that such a person would share with us such thoughts as:

No one else can say what's true for you. All truth is self-validating.

Much truth, that is not yet perceived as truth, can remain on the shelf: it may be claimed later on. Having swallowed too much once before and exploded, it's best not to bite off more than you can chew. Courage to rebuild is an act of faith.

The process of discovering meaning is an element of meaning itself.

My further guess is that as we met such a person, who had believed again after being crushed by doubt, we could say such words to him or her as:

When you speak, your words are genuine and true. We feel accepted and respected by you.

Your faith is clearly shown in your behavior.

You will be a threat to those whose houses of faith are held together by tape and wire and string and who pretend to believe and who make a great show, but who on the inside are full of emptiness and staleness, brittleness and dust.

You will cause a light to shine on sham religion and there will be some who will be vindictive.

The explosion at the corner last Sunday can cause us to look at the explosion that can come at our centers, the collapsing of our spirit, if we have carelessly claimed to believe, or mimicked the belief of others, and have no faith that is our own. The admission of our doubt, painful though it is, can be the first step to regaining a life of faith and can return us to authentic living in God's presence. God's love is real and His commandments are sure and the community of persons seeking to know what it is to be fruitful is a rich place to set yourself. May He shed his grace on each one of us as we seek truth and walk in faith. Amen.

RECOGNIZING CLARENCE "TAFFY" ABEL AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of the first Native American in the Winter Olympics, Clarence "Taffy" Abel. Over the last century, Taffy's accomplishments have inspired countless people across this nation and the world.

Clarence "Taffy" Abel was born on May 28, 1900, in Sault Ste. Marie as part of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He received the nickname "Taffy" on the hockey rink for his attempts to sneak taffy during class. He spent many summers as a teenager working on the USS *Clover*, visiting ports such as Duluth, delivering supplies to local communities. Following his high school years, he joined the United States National Hockey Team for the first Winter Olympics in 1924. There he became the first Native American to participate in the winter games. He was recognized by his fellow athletes for his patriotism and leadership, helping him become captain of his team and the first person to represent the United States at the Winter Olympics by carrying the flag during the opening ceremonies. Taffy and the U.S. National Hockey Team led a successful tournament run that landed them a silver medal at the conclusion of the Olympics.

Following his time with U.S. Hockey, Taffy went on to lead a successful professional career. After playing for the St. Paul Hockey Club for three seasons in the USAHA, he moved to the Minneapolis Millers where he helped win the CHL title in 1926. Following that title victory, Taffy was recruited by legendary NHL owner, Conn Smythe, to play on the New York Rangers and then later with the Chicago Blackhawks. There he became the first American to become a regular NHL player in a sport that had up until then been overwhelmingly played by Canadians. During his eight-year NHL career, Taffy went on to win two Stanley Cups and was thought of by many of his peers as the best left defenseman in the league. At the conclusion of his career, he played a total of 16 seasons of amateur and professional hockey, received an Olympic silver medal, won two Stanley Cups, and played a total of 333 games in the NHL.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of the first Native American in the Winter Olympics, Clarence "Taffy" Abel. His historic accomplishments are memorialized in the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Taffy's legacy continues to inspire future generations across Michigan, the United States, and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SENATOR J. WILLIAM LINCOLN

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late James William Lincoln of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, for a life dedicated to public service.

Senator "Bill" Lincoln, as he was known by those close to him, ended his long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease on December 19, 2021. By all accounts, he approached life the same before and after his diagnosis: with action.

Born in 1940, Senator Lincoln worked as a shoe salesman and milk delivery man before being elected district judge. After serving two terms, Senator Lincoln was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where he served from 1972 to 1978. In 1979, he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, where he served the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 15 years.

During his tenure, Senator Lincoln was appointed to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee, Legislative Audit Advisory Committee, and the Joint State Government Commission. He also served as the Chair of the Democratic State Committee from 1991 to 1995.

In 1998, Senator Lincoln was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at the age of 58, but his passion for public service never wavered. Following his time in the State Senate, he worked as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Board and was also appointed by the governor as Commissioner and Secretary-Treasurer to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, where he served for 10 years until 2013.

Among the many titles Senator Lincoln held were husband, father, and friend. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Lincoln, and four sons, James William Jr., Eric, Jerry, and Greg Lincoln, and their families. He leaves his loved ones with not only fond memories, but also a legacy of service to his home state.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Senator Bill Lincoln and the tremendous accomplishments and contributions he made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May his leadership and service, particularly in the face of adversity, serve as an example to us all.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREGORY SEAN MCSWEEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Sean McSween.

LT COL GREGORY SEAN MCSWEEN

SEPTEMBER 22, 1980—NOVEMBER 9, 2021

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of LtCol Gregory Sean McSween, USMC,

on November 9, 2021. Greg was an extraordinary son, brother, husband, and father who loved his family and country. Survived by his ever-devoted wife, Leanne, and their four beautiful children—Connor Andrew (11), Declan Sean (9), Owen Patrick (7), and Fiona Jane (4)—his legacy as a dedicated family man is showcased in the loving bond shared among his children.

Born at Fort Knox, Kentucky on September 22, 1980, Greg was the second of four children to LTC (Ret) Dave and Ann McSween. Along with older sister Allison (Erik), younger siblings Katie (John) and Brian (Regan), Greg enjoyed a tight-knit upbringing rooted in his Irish Catholic faith. The family endured eight military relocations prior to sixth grade, as Greg's father was an active duty Army officer, culminating his Army career in the Washington, D.C. area. Family roots were established in Alexandria, VA in 1992 and have remained anchored to the area since.

Upon arriving in Alexandria, Greg discovered his love of soccer. This intense relationship carried him through high school, where he earned his status as a true athlete-student. His love of soccer was second in his devotion to escaping responsibility at home while somehow juxtaposing a solo effort to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, like his father.

Following graduation from Bishop Ireton High School in 1999, Greg's passion for soccer carried him to play at Longwood University, where he met Leanne (nee Kibler), in November 2001. He, a walk-on three year player, and she, a three year starter on the women's lacrosse team, cemented a true and impermeable bond which led to the creation of their own team—Team McSween—in the years ahead. Leanne stood with Greg in support as he attended Officer Candidate School while attending Longwood, where he was commissioned in 2003 as a Ground Intelligence Officer in the United States Marine Corps, following in the footsteps of his maternal grandfather.

Upon marrying in June 2006, Leanne stepped naturally into her role as the ultimate Semper Fi wife—never a task too great to undertake or neighbor to befriend. Greg and Leanne welcomed their four children throughout their military relocations with immense pride as they pursued their shared quest for adventure. Together, their travels led to exploring 24 countries with wonder in their journey as a family. Across five military relocations for assignments at Camp Lejeune NC, Quantico VA, Stuttgart Germany, and the Pentagon with five deployments intermixed along the way, Leanne demonstrated her tremendous strength in keeping all the trains running on time. Greg's last assignment on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon finally afforded him the opportunity to live near family with military retirement on the horizon.

Greg is also survived by his wife's family, Andy and Susan Kibler, sister-in-law Glenna (Geoffrey), and brother-in-law Jackson (Amanda). Beyond immediate family, Uncle Greg will be sorely missed by nieces and nephews: Keegan, Adeline, Eloise, Henry, Madison, MacKenzie, Jack, Palmer, and June. In addition, twenty aunts and uncles and 34 first cousins make up a small portion of the extended family that share fond memories of Greg. So ingrained in Greg was his ability to develop deep, lasting friendships throughout all the chapters of his life, and carry that forward despite distance, time, and the daily grind of life.

We join him in the enduring search of the perfect pitch, beer chilled to the right temperature, a well-stoked fire utilizing wood split and stacked by hand, a perfectly timed one-liner delivered with masterful dry

humor, and the warm comfort of a not-too-long embrace as we yearn to find peace with the Irish Goodbye that was ultimately his last measure. We honor his legacy by carrying forward his spirit within each of us. Cheers to our hero until we may see you on the other side.

CONGRATULATING KOBE HALL

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kobe Hall for winning the very first season of the World Wide Dance Challenge.

The World Wide Dance Challenge is an online dance show competition, and the very first of its kind, that was established amid the COVID-19 pandemic. With a new opportunity to engage with dancers from across the world using his unique, ever-evolving talent, Kobe vied for a winning position in the competition, ultimately to provide sustenance as a father of two in a time when the economic effects precipitated by this global pandemic affected millions of families across the globe.

After first discovering dance at the age of 10, Kobe joined Guam's Stargazers Dance Troupe in 2013 and continued developing his skills over the next four years. In the past year, and along with it the changing world that has called on us to spend most of our time at home, Kobe embraced a possibility to reignite the love for the art of dance he first encountered as a young boy. Facing off against 1,200 other skilled dancers in front of a live online audience around two o'clock in the morning CHST, he advanced through five rounds of competition to take the title. Prior to this particular show, Kobe was also able to secure four other titles as a virtual dance competition winner proudly representing Guam and our people.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I would like to extend a proud congratulations to Kobe Hall for his success in the virtually hosted World Wide Dance Challenge. Dancing is an art form that maintains a rich history and presence in cultures worldwide, and I applaud Kobe for staying true to who he is while using his gift to highlight what our small island in the middle of the Pacific has to offer. I would like to further commend him for using his success as a platform for connecting with others, encouraging dancers from our community to explore similar opportunities, and inspiring many to pursue their passions. Kobe's drive, perseverance, character, and talents will surely take him far, and I wish him the best of luck on his journey pursuing a professional dance career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday December 8, 2021, I was unable to cast my vote on roll call vote 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes" on roll call 427, passage of H.R. 2074.

HONORING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. JOHN LONG

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize World War II Veteran John Long for his 95th Birthday and his service to our Nation.

At the end of his senior year in high school in June 1945, John Long was drafted into the United States Army. He was sent to Camp Wheeler in Macon, Georgia for basic infantry training, and it was there that he and his fellow young recruits learned that they were being trained in preparation for the invasion of Japan.

These young infantrymen were being trained with the knowledge and understanding that a major military invasion was being planned that would likely lead to tremendous U.S. sacrifices of more than a million casualties. Ultimately, President Harry S. Truman was unwilling to sacrifice so many American lives and changed the course of history by ordering the first nuclear bomb dropped on Japan.

After the Japanese surrender, Dr. Long's First Infantry Division was sent to Germany to serve in the Army of Occupation, allowing long serving service members to return home. Grateful that his life was spared, Dr. Long returned home after his service with a deep sense of gratitude and pride and earned his Doctor of Chiropractic under the G.I. Bill.

Dr. Long has always held a strong commitment to his fellow veterans and community service. He is a life member of many veterans' organizations and has been recognized on countless occasions for his service to the community.

Turning 95 years old, today, on January 18, 2022, Dr. Long looks back on his dual careers as both a chiropractor and dedicated public servant with great pride and a deep and abiding affection for his country and his community.

Dr. Long is a true American patriot and the 27th Congressional District of New York is deeply grateful for his service and wishes him a happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HANFORD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one hundred years of distinguished service by Hanford Council No. 2343 of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal organization that espouses the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They were founded in 1882 by Father Michael Joseph McGivney, an American Catholic priest, to help families in need. They have strived to establish Councils of Catholic faith for service of charity and goodwill throughout American communities and abroad.